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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, HELGE? YOU SEEM WORRIED.
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY, MOTHER... I JUST NEED SOME TIME AWAY FROM BOARDING SCHOOL.
DON'T LIE TO ME! I KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THIS BOY'S PAST.
I TAKE CARE OF MANOËL THE SAME AS I DID FOR YOU. DON'T GET INVOLVED IN THIS.

HIS PARENTS ARE STILL ALIVE AND HE SAID EVERYTHING WAS FINE, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WHY DID THEY LOSE CUSTODY OF HIM?
THINGS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE, PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE SOMETIMES NECESSARY. MANOËL IS BETTER OFF THAN BEFORE.
CONCENTRATE INSTEAD ON YOUR OWN PATH. YOU'RE AN INTELLIGENT, YOUNG LADY DESTINED FOR A BRILLIANT CAREER, SO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES!
YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR CLASSROOM NOW.
OK, THANKS MOTHER INGEBORG!

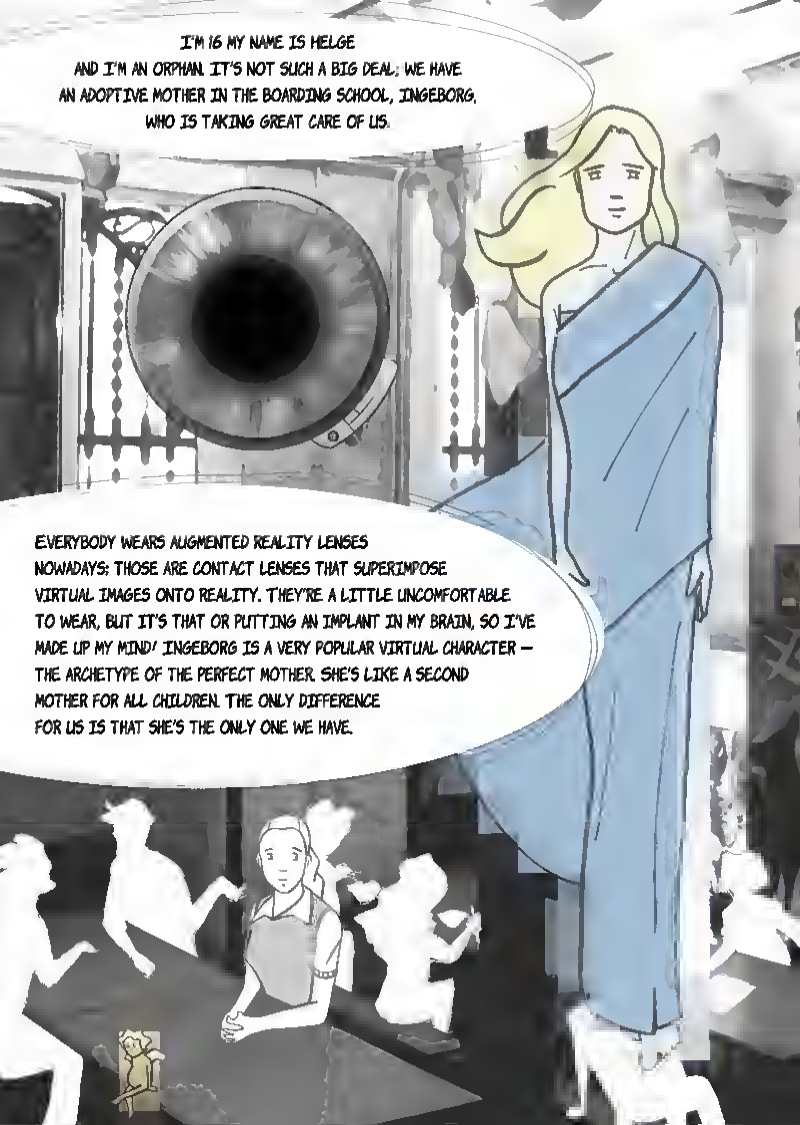
GO ON! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
This heaven was brought to you by...
Goodness yogurt

Later in the halls of the boarding school
I WAS JUST IN THE VIRTUAL IMMERSION CHAMBER. INGEBORG DOESN'T WANT ME TO GET INTO THIS, BUT I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS WITH YOUR PARENTS.
MAYBE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH TO TAKE CARE OF ME.
DON'T BE SILLY. THE WELFARE OFFICE COULD HAVE INTERVENED.
STOP GOING OVER AND OVER IT!
IT'S ALL KINDA WEIRD. WE'LL ONLY GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS BY FINDING MANOËL'S PARENTS.
I TRIED ALREADY, THEY MOVED.
Kirsten, boarding school tough nut.
CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE TALKING IN PRIVATE HERE?!

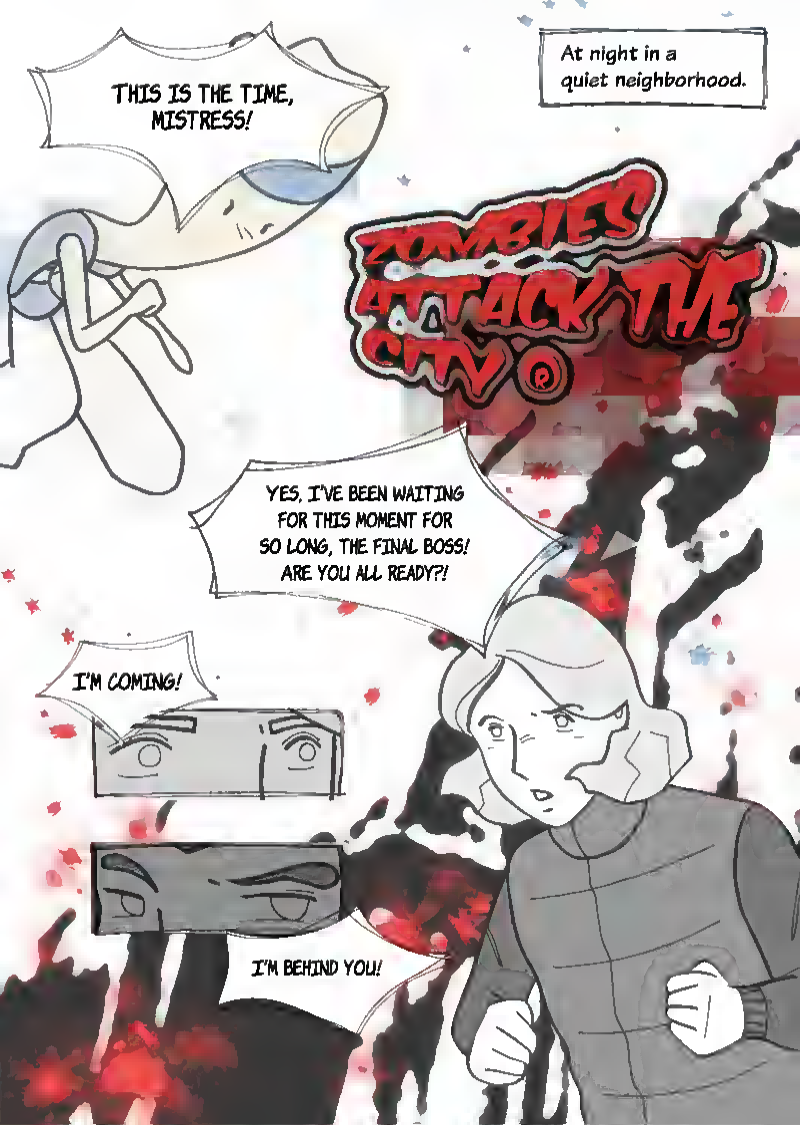
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR HIGH-LEVEL RAMBLINGS, BUT HELGE IS SO ACADEMIC SHE LACKS ANY COMMON SENSE. WE NEED TO FIND MANOËL'S PARENTS. FULL STOP!
I DON'T TRUST INGEBORG AND I BELIEVE OUR DEAR MOTHER HAS A LOT TO HIDE.
SURE, THE BIG CONSPIRACY MYTH! THE SLIGHTEST ERROR OF JUDGEMENT FROM INGEBORG SPREADS INSTANTLY ACCROSS THE NET...

I'M NOT GOING ON WHAT SOME RANDO SAYS ONLINE. WE NEED TO TALK TO MANOËL'S PARENTS.
WE SHOW UP AT THEIR ADDRESS AND TELL THEM WE'RE CURIOUS?! AND THEN WHAT? EVEN IF THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG, WHAT COULD WE DO ABOUT IT?
WE NEED TO MAKE A PLAN AND THINK ABOUT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES.
ALL TALK, NO ACTION! HERE IS THE PLAN: HELGE, YOU'RE TEACHERS' PET! USE THAT TO GET ACCESS TO OUR PERSONAL FILES AND WHERE WE CAN FIND MANOËL'S PARENTS.
YOU'RE NOT TAKING MUCH RISK! WHAT IF I'M CAUGHT RED-HANDED? I COULD BE EXPELLED!

IT'S THE ONLY SOLUTION.
MADAM HYLIN IS MORE GULLIBLE THAN THE OTHERS,
YOU COULD EASILY CHECK MANOËL'S FILE
BEHIND HER BACK.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
DIDN'T MY MOTHER WANT
ME ANYMORE?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL
ONLY BE GONE FOR A
FEW DAYS.
AND WHAT IF MY INTRUSION
INTO THE SYSTEM IS DETECTED? MAYBE OUR
CONVERSATION HAS ALREADY BEEN MONITORED!
IT'S A RISK WE HAVE TO TAKE.
DON'T WE WANT TO DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED?
I GUESS A SMART GIRL LIKE YOURSELF MUST
FIND THIS ALL VERY INTERESTING.


I'M 16 MY NAME IS HELGE
AND I'M AN ORPHAN. IT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL; WE HAVE AN ADOPTIVE MOTHER IN THE BOARDING SCHOOL, INGEBORG, WHO IS TAKING GREAT CARE OF US.
EVERYBODY WEARS AUGMENTED REALITY LENSES NOWADAYS: THOSE ARE CONTACT LENSES THAT SUPERIMPOSE VIRTUAL IMAGES ONTO REALITY. THEY'RE A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE TO WEAR, BUT IT'S THAT OR PUTTING AN IMPLANT IN MY BRAIN, SO I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! INGEBORG IS A VERY POPULAR VIRTUAL CHARACTER — THE ARCHETYPE OF THE PERFECT MOTHER. SHE'S LIKE A SECOND MOTHER FOR ALL CHILDREN. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE FOR US IS THAT SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE.

INGEBORG AND THE OTHER VIRTUAL CHARACTERS CAN APPEAR ANYWHERE, AT ANYTIME. IT MORE OR LESS WORKS, DEPENDING ON LOCATION, IT'S VERY COMPLICATED, APPARENTLY. WE'VE HAD A NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED RECENTLY, A « VIRTUAL IMMERSION CHAMBER », THAT IS ONLY ALLOWED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IT MAKES OUR LENSES DISPLAY NOT ONLY INGEBORG, BUT AN ENTIRE VIRTUAL UNIVERSE. INGEBORG HAS CONTROL OVER OUR ENTIRE ENVIRONMENT IN THIS CHAMBER; PEDIATRICIANS SAY IT'S TO HELP US TO UNCOVER OUR EMOTIONS.


THIS IS THE TIME, MISTRESS!
At night in a quiet neighborhood.
ZOMBIES ATTACK THE CITY
YES, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT FOR SO LONG, THE FINAL BOSS! ARE YOU ALL READY?!
I'M COMING!
I'M BEHIND YOU!

« Zombies attack the city » is a massively multiplayer game integrated into reality. Here is the story.
As the victory of the living against the dead was imminent, zombies managed to infiltrate augmented reality. Since then, they could appear in daylight and take the appearance of inoffensive virtual characters. Their aim is to convert as many living people as possible, to install anarchy and barbarism throughout the world. To win, players need to uncover zombies in their daily life and restore peace on the network.

The game is based on an evolutionary algorithm. The strongest zombies grow and evolve as the weakest ones vanish, each player participating improves the game.
Thanks to their expertise, the « cleaners » have already defeated five races of zombies.
INFORMATION STREAMS CONVERGE THIS WAY!
DECREASE YOUR CONTACT LENSES LUMINOSITY, OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE BLINDED!

SHE MAGNIFIES ALL THE INFORMATION AROUND US.
IT MEANS SHE KNOWS ALL OUR ATTACKS, ALL OUR PAST ACTIONS!
YES, BUT SHE CAN ONLY PROCESS A SMALL QUANTITY OF INFORMATION. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED, SOMETHING SO HAZARDOUS THAT WE'VE NEVER TRIED BEFORE...
YOU DON'T MEAN... WE'D HAVE TO GAMBLE ALL OUR ENERGY ON THAT ONE ATTACK?!
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ERROR!

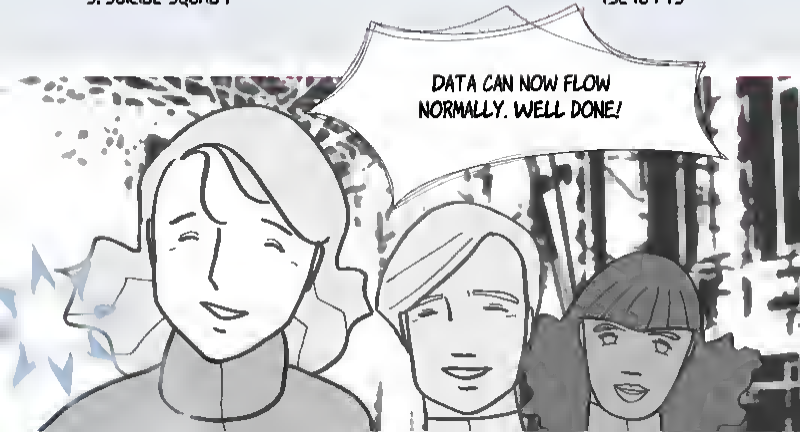
OK, I TRANSFER ALL MY MUNITIONS TO YOU.
DON'T MISS HER, KIRSTEN!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, WATCH THIS..

?!

NEW HIGH-SCORE!

LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW

1. THE CLEANERS :	18853 PTS !
2. RESPECT FOR US :	15849 PTS
3. SANS CHICHIS :	12805 PTS
4. CICATRIX :	16757 PTS
5. SUICIDE SQUAD :	15276 PTS



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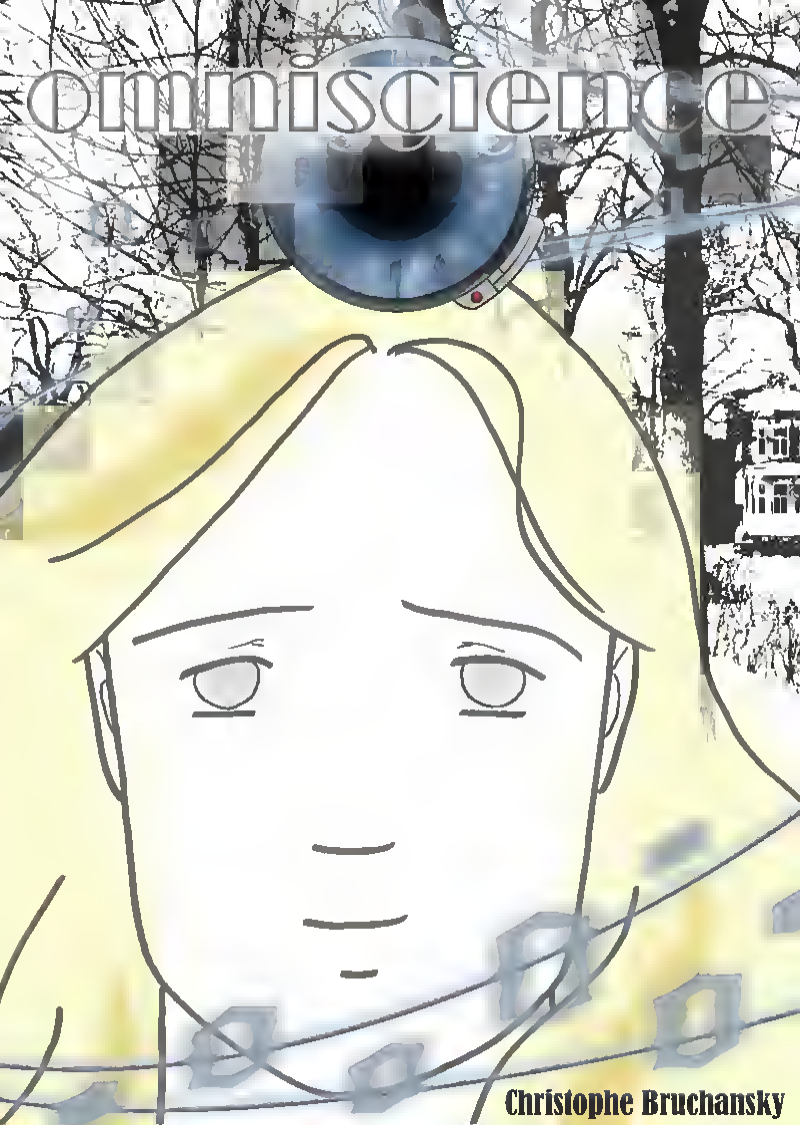

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